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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP SEPTEMBER 11 - LUANDA

1. MPLA HAS PLAYED UP ITS SUCCESSFUL COUNTERATTACK ON CAXITO AND THE ROUT OF FNLA FORCES. JOURNALISTS WERE TAKEN BY BUS TO CAXITO ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND ALLOWED TO TALK WITH A ZAIRIAN SOLDIER AND THREE WHITE MERCENARIES RECRUITED, ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN WORDS, IN SOUTH AFRICA. MPLA ALSO PRODUCED A NUMBER OF PRISONERS AND SAID IT HAD TAKEN 153 AND ALSO CAPTURED THREE ARMORED CARS. MPLA SAID IT BEGAN ITS ATTACK ON SEPTEMBER 7 FROM ITS BASE AT PIRI, ON THE CAXITO-CARMONA ROAD. PORTUGUESE MILITARY SOURCES TOLD ME SEPTEMBER 11 THAT MPLA HAS HALTED ITS ADVANCE AT FAZENDA LIBONGO ON THE ROAD TO CAXITO (EIGHT DEGREES 24 MINUTES SOUTH; THIRTEEN DEGREES TWENTY FOUR MINUTES EAST).

2. I HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A FOREIGN SOURCE THAT MPLA IS NOW FLYING ARMS INTO THE FORMER PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE BASE AT SAURIMO (HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO). THE PLANES, WHICH MAY BE

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DC-3'S, FLY THE ARMS FROM CONGO BRAZZAVILLE, OFFLOAD AT SAURIMO

AND THEN RETURN TO THE CONGO VIA MALANGE.

3. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY REPORT THAT MPLA HAS PUSHED FNLA SEVERAL KILOMETERS NORTH OF LUCALA, BUT HAS NOT YET REACHED SAMBA CAJU. I ALSO HAVE A REPORT THAT ON SEPTEMBER 10 UNITA BEGAN ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO RETAKE LUSO FROM THE MPLA. ACCORDING TO PORTUGUESE SOURCES, UNITA ATTEMPTED LATE LAST WEEK TO TAKE THE TOWN OF ALGO CHICAPA, NORTHWEST OF LUSO, BUT WERE REPULSED BY THE MPLA.

4. ALSO LAST WEEK, MPLA RETOOK THE TOWN OF JAMBA, IN THE SOUTH.

5. ONE ITEM I COLLECTED LAST WEEK BUT DID NOT GET AROUND TO REPORTING CONCERNS THE SITUATION AT PEREIRA D'ECA IN THE SOUTH. A PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE TRANSPORT PLANE WENT TO PEREIRA D'ECA BUT DECIDED NOT TO LAND BECAUSE THERE APPEARED TO BE NO TRANSPORTATION AT THE AIRPORT TO TAKE THEM TO TOWN, TOO, THE ENTIRE AREA APPEARED STRANGELY STILL. THE OBSERVERS TOOK A READING BY FLYING OVER THE TOWN AT AN ALTITUDE OF TWENTY METERS. THEY SAW LITTLE EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL DAMAGE, ALTHOUGH THE WINDOWS OF THE GOVERNMENT PALACE WERE SHOT OUT. THE BORDER POST OF SANTA CLARA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TOTALLY DESTROYED. THE PORTUGUESE BELIEVE THAT WHOEVER WENT INTO PEREIRA D'ECA HAD A LIMITED OBJECTIVE IN MIND - PROBABLY TO SPRING WHITE REFUGEES WHO MAY HAVE BEEN HELD UP BY MPLA FORCES IN THE CITY.  
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